GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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Side Effect of Fairness Creams
Khuba Shri Bhagwanth

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government has examined the composition of various cosmetic and herbal fairness creams being sold in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the findings regarding side effects on the use of these creams; and

(c) the measures taken by the Government to ensure the quality of such products?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)
(a) to (c): Manufacture, sale and distribution of cosmetics in the country is regulated under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945 by State Licensing Authorities through a system of licensing and inspection. Import of cosmetics is regulated by the Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) through a system of registration. As per Rule 129 G of Drugs and Cosmetics Rules 1945, no cosmetic can be imported unless it complies with the specifications prescribed under Schedule S and Schedule Q (as amended by BIS) or any other standards of quality and safety applicable to it and other provisions under the Rules.